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On page 6, delete "this object is achieved by a method", and substitute the following:

5 --a method is provided for determining a connecting path in a communication network. In a first step, it is determined whether a suitable connecting path to a requested destination node of the communication network is already stored. In a second step, when in the first step a suitable stored connecting path has not yet been identified, determining a suitable connecting path to the requested destination node on the basis of stored network data that describe the communication network, and storing the connecting path so that it is available for a new determination of a connecting path in the first step. In a third step, communicating path information corresponding to the connecting path determined in the first or second steps to network nodes that are a component part of the determined connecting path in order to set up the determined connecting path to the requested destination node.--

20 On page 6, delete lines 2-5.

On page 8, delete line 5, and insert the following heading:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

25 On page 8, at line 6, after "Figure 1" insert --is--.

On page 8, at line 7, delete "inventive", after "equipment" insert --of the invention; and--.

On page 8, at line 8, after "Figure 2", insert --is--.

On page 8, at line 9, delete "inventive", after "equipment" insert --of the invention--.

On page 8, at line 10, after "3b" insert --show--.

On page 8, after line 10, and before line 11,  
5 insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

On page 8, at line 17, delete "or means".

On page 8, at line 20, delete "means" and substitute --device--.

10 On page 8, at line 21, delete "means" and substitute --device--.

On page 8, at line 23, delete "fashioned" and substitute --designed--.

15 On page 8, at line 25, delete "coupling means" and substitute --switching device 3--.

On page 8, at the last line, delete "means" and substitute --device--.

On page 10, at line 19, delete "comprise [sic]" and substitute --comprises--.

20 On page 10, at the last line, delete "ensues" and substitute --occurs--.

On page 11, at line 3, delete "ensue" and substitute --occur--.

25 On page 14, as the last paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

--Although various minor changes and modifications might be proposed by those skilled in the art, it will be understood that my wish is to include within the claims of the patent warranted hereon all such changes and

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